

No. 34 - Tahoe Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Tahoe Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region is located in the North Lahontan Hydrologic Region. The Region boundaries follow watersheds from north to south to include: the Little Truckee River, Truckee River, Lake Tahoe, West Fork Carson River, and East Fork Carson River. This Region's western and eastern boundaries are comprised of the crest of the Sierras and the California-Nevada Stateline, respectively. The Truckee River flows from the California side of Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake in Nevada. These watersheds cross the borders of the two states.

The Tahoe Sierra Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) has conducted their programs in collaboration with Nevada agencies. Among the sixteen RWMG members, there are nine local public agencies that have statutory authority over water supply or water management. In addition, there are nineteen stakeholders.

The Tahoe Sierra IRWM Region concerns involve water quality impairments and Total Maximum Daily Load requirements specific to non-point source pollutants including sediment, due to soil erosion in forest fire burned areas. Climate change effects related to global warming are also of concern.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

No changes to the Tahoe Sierra IRWM Region boundaries are suggested by DWR. DWR recommends that, in the future, the Tahoe Sierra RWMG works more closely with the Disadvantaged Communities and small water suppliers within this IRWM Region and coordinates with the Nevada side of the Tahoe Basin.